GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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CLOSURE OF COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the underground coal mines of the Mahanadi Coal Field Limited have been closed down;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these underground coal mines were not filled up with sand before their closure; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) and (b) Till 2005-06, no underground coal mines of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. have been closed down. However, coal production from Deulbera underground mine has been stopped/suspended since 19.07.2006 in pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting convened on 28.02.2003 by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar to close the mine whenever water is released through the Right Main Canal. A Notice for release of water through Right Main Canal was given by the Executive Engineer, Rengali Right Canal Division No. 1, Baghuabol, Talcher on 10,07.2006.

(c) and (d) MCL has decided to close Deulbera Underground mine of Talcher Area in Talcher coalfield and accordingly has stopped production since 19.07.2006. The salvaging operation of P&M and materials is going on there. Stabilization of certain areas by filling up by sand will be done before closure of mine.